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Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas in April, 1973.

CIA photo called a 'false Oswald'

NEW YORK [UPI]—The New York Review of Books has released two pictures of a man it says the Central Intelligence Agency, in the months just preceding the assassination of President Kennedy, incorrectly identified as Lee Harvey Oswald.

"The man in both photographs is clearly not Oswald," the publication said. The photographs were released in connection with an article in the April 3, 1975, issue of the periodical, written by Bernard Fensterwald and George O'Toole.

The article did not say when and where the pictures of the false "Oswald" were taken. It said former CIA Director Richard Helms has testified the pictures were made in Mexico.

FENSTERWALD and O'Toole conclude, "If someone were trying to impersonate Oswald eight weeks before the assassination, the Warren Commission's theory of a lone assassin, unconnected with any conspiracy, is seriously undermined and the case should be reopened."

O'Toole, coauthor of the article, is identified as an ex-CIA official. Fensterwald, the Review says, is a Washington attorney who obtained the photos from the National Archives.

Their article tells of the alleged confusion resulting from the wrong identification of a man who reportedly contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City in October, 1963.

THE REVIEW article says the CIA sent a teletype message to the FBI and to the Departments of State and Navy saying the man who contacted the embassy had identified himself as "Lee Oswald" and it described him as an American, "approximately 35 years old, with an athletic build, about six feet tall, with a receding hairline."

"But Lee Harvey Oswald . . . was 23 years old and slender," the Review article says.

Photo of man who called himself Oswald.